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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a docking port configured to receive a device, the device comprising a radio frequency tag;

a radio frequency tag reader configured, in response to the docking port receiving ~~a~~ the device, to read a code from the radio frequency tag and using at least a part of the code to select a destination;

a radio interface for transmitting and receiving data in a network; and

a controller configured, in response to the radio frequency tag reader reading a first code from a first radio frequency tag, to control the radio interface to transmit a first message to a selected first destination, and the controller being configured, in response to the radio frequency tag reader reading a second code from a second radio frequency tag, to control the radio interface to transmit a second message to a selected second destination.

30. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the radio frequency tag reader is configured to read a code from the radio frequency tag ^{10/20/2008 PCOMP 00000043 501924} ~~only in response to~~ ¹⁰⁵¹⁸⁸⁷¹

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the docking port receiving a device comprising a radio frequency tag.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the first message includes the first code and the second message includes the second code.

33. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the radio interface is configured, following the transmission of the first message, to receive first instructions for performing a first operation at the apparatus, and wherein the radio interface is configured, following the transmission of the second message, to receive second instructions for performing a second operation at the apparatus.

34. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 29, wherein the first destination relates to a first IP address and the second destination relates to a second IP address.

35. (Previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

docking means for receiving a device, the device comprising a radio frequency tag;

reading means for reading, in response to the docking means receiving a device, a code from the radio frequency tag of the received device and using at least part of the code to select a destination;

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radio interface means for transmitting and receiving data in a network; and

control means for controlling, in response to the reading means reading a first code from a first radio frequency tag, the radio interface means to transmit a first message to a selected first destination, and the control means being for controlling, in response to the reading means reading a second code from a second radio frequency tag, the radio interface to transmit a second message to a selected second destination.

36. (Previously presented) A device, comprising:

a casing configured to be received by a docking port of an apparatus;

a memory configured to store a code identifying a remote network destination; and

a radio frequency tag configured, in response to the reception of the casing by the docking port, to transmit the stored code to the apparatus, in order to enable the apparatus to transmit a message to the identified remote network destination.

37. (Previously presented) A device as claimed in claim 36, further comprising a switch configured, when the device is received by the docking port, to switch the device from an inactive mode to an active mode.

38. (Previously presented) A device as claimed in claim 36 wherein the casing comprises a protruding member configured to be received by the docking port of the apparatus.

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39. (Currently amended) A device as claimed in claim 38 36, wherein the apparatus is a portable communication apparatus.

40. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

docking a first device comprising a radio frequency tag;

reading, in response to the docking of the first device, a first code from the radio frequency tag of the first device and using at least a part of the first code to select a first destination;

transmitting, in response to reading the first code from the radio frequency tag, a first message to the selected first destination;

docking a second device comprising a radio frequency tag;

reading, in response to the docking of the second device, a second code from the radio frequency tag of the second device and using at least a part of the second code to select a second destination; and

transmitting, in response to reading the second code from the radio frequency tag, a second message to the selected second destination.

41. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 40, wherein the first transmitted message comprises the first code, and wherein the second transmitted message comprises a the second code.

42. (Previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

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a memory configured to store a plurality of codes, each code being associated with an operation;

a docking port configured to receive a device, the device comprising a radio frequency tag;

a radio frequency tag reader configured, in response to the docking port receiving the device, to read a code from the radio frequency tag;

a radio interface for transmitting and receiving data in a network; and

a controller configured to determine whether the read code corresponds with a stored code, and when the read code corresponds with a stored code, to perform an operation associated with the corresponding stored code and when the read code does not correspond with a stored code, to control the radio interface to transmit, in dependence upon the read code, a message.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the radio interface is configured to receive instructions for performing an operation at the apparatus from the a first destination.

45. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the radio interface is configured to receive instructions for performing an operation at the apparatus from a second, different destination.

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46. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the apparatus further comprises a switch configured, when the docking port receives the device, to signal to the radio frequency tag reader to perform a read operation.
47. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the radio frequency tag reader is configured to read a code from the radio frequency tag only in response to the docking port receiving the device.
48. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the operation relates to sending an email.
49. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 48, wherein controller is configured to request approval from the a user to send the email, before it is sent.
50. (Currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 48, wherein the controller is configured to provide the a user with an opportunity to amend the email, before it is sent.
51. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the operation relates to opening a browser at a predetermined IP address.
52. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the operation relates to causing the apparatus to enter a secrecy mode.
53. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein the docking port is arranged to enable a plurality of devices to be docked in the docking port simultaneously.

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54. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 53, wherein the controller is configured to perform an operation in response to a plurality of devices being docked in the docking port simultaneously.

55. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

docking a device comprising a radio frequency tag;

reading, in response to the docking of the device, a code from the radio frequency tag; and

determining whether the read code corresponds with a stored code; and

performing, when the read code corresponds with a stored code, an operation associated with the corresponding stored code and when the read code does not correspond with a stored code, transmitting a message dependent upon the read code.

56. (Previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a display;

a memory configured to store first information;

a radio frequency tag reader configured to read second information from a radio frequency tag of a device; and

a controller configured, in response to the reading of the second information from the radio frequency tag when the first information is displayed on the display, to activate a secrecy mode by concealing the first information, such that the first information is inaccessible by an unauthorized user.

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57. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 56, further comprising a docking port configured to receive a device, the device comprising a radio frequency tag, and wherein the radio frequency tag reader is configured, in response to the docking port receiving the device, to read the second information from the radio frequency tag.

58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 56, wherein the controller is configured, if the radio tag of the device is read when the apparatus is in the secrecy mode, to control the display to provide a user with an option to reveal the first information, such that the first information is accessible by an unauthorized user.

60. (Previously presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 56, wherein the first information is a phonebook entry.

61. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

displaying second information;

reading first information from the radio frequency tag;
and

activating, in response to reading the first information from the radio frequency tag, a secrecy mode by concealing the displayed second information, such that the second information is inaccessible by an unauthorized user.

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62. (New) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions for performing operations to control a radio interface, the operations comprising:

controlling the radio interface to transmit a first message to a selected first destination in response to a first code being read from a radio frequency tag reader; and

controlling the radio interface to transmit a second message to a selected second destination in response to a second code being read from the radio frequency tag reader.

63. (New) A computer readable medium as claimed in claim 62, wherein the controlling of the radio interface to transmit a first message and a second message further comprises requiring user input before sending the first message to the selected first destination and sending the second message to the selected second destination.